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The biennial WSC is regarded as an important event of the international statistical community. The WSCs provide an opportunity for statistical professionals to bring each other up-to-date on new researches in various statistical branches that may have unanticipated applications to their own specialty and to discuss emerging issues which are of mutual concerns.

Census and Statistics Department Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) is the official statistical agency of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). With a dedicated team of professional staff, C&SD is responsible for the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of official statistical information of the HKSAR.

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Further Information

For general information about the 59th World Statistics Congress, please visit the website <http://www.isi2013.hk>.

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World Statistics Congress of the International Statistical Institute



**25 - 30
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The Hong Kong
Convention and
Exhibition Centre,
Hong Kong,
China

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Welcome Message

I would like to extend a warm invitation to you to participate in the 59th World Statistics Congress (WSC) of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) to be held in Hong Kong during 25–30 August 2013.



Since 1853, the biennial meetings of the ISI have provided a great networking platform for statistical practitioners across a wide spectrum of discipline to share experiences, insights and expertise in various statistical fronts.

It is indeed a great privilege and honour for Hong Kong to be the host city of the 59th WSC. Leveraging on Hong Kong's strategic location, world-class convention and exhibition facilities as well as many unrivalled attributes, we pledge to make the event a fruitful and memorable experience for each and every participant.

The scientific programme of the 59th WSC will offer you an innovative and stimulating agenda, encompassing a diverse range of statistical topics and issues which shape our future. As young people will become the leaders of the future, we have specially dedicated the theme to "Youth" in the upcoming Congress to encourage more young statistical practitioners to participate in the event.

To add spice to the technical meetings, the Local Organising Committee is planning an impressive social programme to provide you with the opportunity to relax, network with other delegates, and above all, experience the incredible hospitality and vibrancy of Hong Kong – the famous Asia's world city.

I look forward to seeing you at the 59th WSC in Hong Kong in 2013.

Mrs Lily Ou-Yang

Commissioner for Census and Statistics
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Chairperson of the Local Organising Committee of the 59th WSC of the ISI



The 59th World Statistics Congress



World Statistics Congress

HONG KONG 2013

The 59th WSC will be held during 25–30 August 2013 in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). Located at Hong Kong's main business district and overlooking the famed Victoria Harbour, the HKCEC is the ideal venue for hosting large-scale events.

Programmes

- Scientific Programme (The Programme will include Invited Paper Sessions, Special Topic Sessions, Contributed Paper / Poster Sessions. One day will be devoted to papers on the special theme of Youth.)
- Satellite Meetings and Short Courses
- Social Programme



Exhibition

An Exhibition, covering a wide range of products and services related to the profession, will be held in conjunction with the 59th WSC.

Hong Kong, China — Asia's World City

Ever-Exciting Attractions to Tourists

Hong Kong is a cultural kaleidoscope, with a unique fusion of Eastern and Western cultures where the old and the new live side by side. Added to this are colourful festivals, non-stop nightlife and succulent dining which have made Hong Kong a premier tourist destination in Asia.



Shoppers' Paradise and Culinary Capital of Asia

Hong Kong offers the best shopping in the world. The value, variety and quality of shopping services are unparalleled. Also, Hong Kong provides the incredible flavours from throughout Asia and marvellous Western cuisine.



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